

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine comprising:

a front panel attached to a front of a main body and being formed ~~an~~ with a generally rectangularly-shaped opening defined by a horizontally-extending lower face, a horizontally-extending upper face opposing the lower face and a pair of vertically-extending, spaced-apart side faces opposing one another and interconnecting the upper and lower faces thereby forming the opening;

a medal storage unit attached to the front panel and configured to store a medal provided from the opening; and

a guide member attached to the main body and configured to guide the medal into the opening, the guide member having an inner face slanting downwardly toward the opening and a projection formed as an integral construction with the guide member, the projection projecting away from the inner face of the guide member, the projection disposed either adjacent to or at least partially within the opening and adjacent to and vertically above the lower face of the opening

~~wherein the opening has a projection disposed in a vicinity thereof, and the projection is projected from an inner face of the guide member.~~

2. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine comprising:

a front panel attached to a front of a main body and being formed ~~an~~ with a generally rectangularly-shaped opening defined by a horizontally-extending lower face, a horizontally-extending upper face opposing the lower face and a pair of vertically-extending, spaced-apart side faces opposing one another and interconnecting the upper and lower faces thereby forming the opening;

a medal storage unit attached to the front panel and configured to store a medal provided from the opening;

a guide member attached to the main body and configured to guide the medal into the opening the guide member having an inner face slanting downwardly toward the opening; and

a cover member configured to cover the inner face of the guide member and having a projection disposed in a vicinity of the opening projecting away from the inner face of the guide member, the projection disposed either adjacent to or at least partially within the opening and adjacent to and vertically above the lower face of the opening.

3. (Original) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein the projection extends in a width direction of the guide member.

4. (Original) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein the guide member is made of a resin.

5. (Previously Presented) A gaming machine comprising:
a front panel attached to a front of a main body and being formed an opening;
a medal storage unit attached to the front panel and configured to store a medal provided from the opening; and

a guide member attached to the main body and configured to guide the medal into the opening, the guide member having a slanted bottom surface defining a plane that extends through the opening and into the medal storage unit,

wherein a lower face of the opening is positioned below the plane.

6. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 1, wherein the guide member defines a guide member opening, the guide member opening being in communication with the opening, the projection being disposed in the guide member opening.

7. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 6, wherein the projection forms a horizontal bottom guide member portion defining a bottom of the guide member opening.

8. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine as claimed in claim 7, wherein the front panel includes a horizontal bottom front panel edge portion defining a bottom of the opening, the horizontal bottom guide member portion being disposed above the horizontal bottom front panel edge portion.